

Larruping Larry King on the Cluster Hitters

Doyle Leads His League in Smashing Them Out in Bunches.

GIANTS GET INTO ONE HONOR CLASS

Qualify Thirteen Men in the Season's List of Batting Celebrities.

Larruping Larry Doyle led the batters of the National League last season in more ways than one. Not only did he pile up the highest batting average, but he showed the way to those who made four hits or more in any one game last year. When hits came his way they came in bunches.

The opening day of the season he felled five hits on Ed Pfeffer, Charley Schmitt and Brown. Two of these were doubles, and the fusillade was good for seven bases. The records fall to qualify another man who started the season with five hits. In four subsequent days Doyle tore off four hits in single games. In these five games alone the captain of the Giants got thirty-two bases, which is going some in any city.

The days to which Doyle will always refer with pleasure are June 5, when playing against the Cubs, he got four drives, including a single, two doubles and a triple; July 10, when he got two singles and two doubles against the Reds; August 4, when he made three singles and a double against the Reds, and October 7, when he made four singles against the Braves.

George Lusk, of the Superbas, boasts of the best individual day. On August 9, playing against the Cubs, he tore six singles from the pitching of Pierce and Standridge. Lusk fell only one hit short of the record, established by Wilbert Robinson back in 1882, when Robbie made seven hits, including a double. Lusk had only one other big day. On July 24 he got four hits against the St. Louis Cardinals, with Hank Robinson pitching.

There were sixty-six players in the National League who made four or more hits in one game through the season. The Giants, who finished in last place, won a place in the honor class thirteen times. Doyle, of course, was the leader. He got in five times. Then came Burns and Robertson, with three times each, and Artie Fletcher and Koehler, a recruit, with once each. The Phillies got only five men in the National League who made four or more hits in one game through the season. The Cardinals made four. The Giants the stiffest battle with twelve men, and the Braves had nine.

Gavvy Cravath, the home-run king, crowded his way in among these cluster hitters on two occasions. Once, on August 8, he got four doubles and batted in ever so many runs, one of the duplex drives coming with three men on base. On August 22 he got two singles, one double and a triple. Fritz Luderus made the five-hit class on September 16, picking up Lefty George, of the Reds, for two singles, two doubles and a triple.

Heinie Groh, of the Cincinnati Reds, set a high water mark in bases made in a game. On July 8, playing against the Chicago Cubs, he made five hits, two singles, a double, a triple and a home run.

Giants Led in Hits Per Game

The New York Giants led the National League in getting four or more hits in one game during the season of 1915, as the appended table shows:

Clubs.	Players.	Times.
New York	Doyle	5
St. Louis	Robbie	2
Boston	Robbie	2
Brooklyn	Robbie	2
Chicago	Robbie	2
Cincinnati	Robbie	2
Philadelphia	Robbie	2
Pittsburgh	Robbie	2
Grand totals	44	66

CENTRAL Y.M.C.A. SOCCER PLAYERS BEAT STROLLERS

Take Early Lead and Hold Opponents Safely in Fast Game.

Play was resumed in the championship series of the Saturday Amateur Soccer Football League yesterday at the Prospect Park Parade Grounds, in Brooklyn, where the eleven of the Central Y.M.C.A. met and defeated the Strollers by the score of 4 goals to 1.

The Centrals had the upper hand throughout, establishing a lead of 2 goals to 0 in the first half. The turf was in fine condition, and the weather, although a bit chilly for the goal keepers and backs, was just right for fast soccer.

Ten minutes from the start H. Brown, the Centrals' inside left, shot the first goal after a pass by Wilcox to MacCulloch, on the left wing. Play had been in progress for half an hour when MacCulloch took the ball through the second goal of the name. The half ended, with the Centrals leading by 2-0.

During half of the second period Brown, the Centrals' inside left, shot the first goal after a pass by Wilcox to MacCulloch, on the left wing. Play had been in progress for half an hour when MacCulloch took the ball through the second goal of the name. The half ended, with the Centrals leading by 2-0.



Big Days for Batters in National League.

The following table was compiled after hours of labor by Al Munro Elias, the baseball statistician, and shows the players of the National League who made four or more hits in one game during the season of 1915. The table shows the pitchers who started the games, but in some cases they were driven to the bench before the full number of hits were compiled.

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